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The documents identified above are listed on Form PTO-1449, and a copy of each foreign document is enclosed herewith, together with the International Search Report. Albeit no translation is provided, it is noted that the German document is in category "A", defining the general state of the art and not being of particular relevance.

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